Date of Meeting: 20 June 2006

LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INFORMATION ITEM BOARD MEMBER INITIATIVE

#2.

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Biennial Review of the Solid Waste Management Plan

INITIATED BY: Jim Burton

ELECTION DISTRICT: Blue Ridge

BACKGROUND:

Title 10.1-1411 of the Virginia Code gives local governments the responsibility and authority for local solid waste management planning. The regulations require localities to develop and implement Solid Waste Management Plans that address all aspects of solid waste management and handling. The Code further requires that municipalities develop and adopt these plans in a public process.

In 2001 the General Assembly amended the legislation governing solid waste management planning. To address these changes the Board of Supervisors set up an Ad Hoc Solid Waste Management Planning Committee in 2002. From 2002 to 2003, the committee undertook an extensive public process to update the County's plan in line with the amendments to the Code. This plan was approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality on April 21, 2004.

A key provision of the plan adopted was a commitment to review the plan on a biennial basis to assess the accuracy of projections and whether the plan is meeting District needs. On November 15, 2005 the Board of Supervisors set up a Solid Waste Management Plan Biennial Workgroup to undertake such a review. The Board appointed Supervisors Burton, Clem, Delgaudio, Kurtz, and Snow to the workgroup and named Supervisor Burton as the Chair. The Workgroup also included representatives from each of the County's seven incorporated Towns.

The Workgroup conducted their review over four meetings. At the fourth meeting the Workgroup summarized its conclusions and voted on its recommendations. Staff then documented those conclusions and recommendations in a formal report. Supervisor Burton will present a summary of that report to the Board as an information item.

The Workgroup did not recommend any changes to the adopted plan. No action is requested of the Board.

Attachment: Solid Waste Management Plan Biennial Workgroup Report

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